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SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment and a Request For Approval Of Proposed Drawing Corrections.

This is also a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the three-month response date by two months from January 24, 2003 to March 24, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee, which is believed to be \$410.00 for the two-month extension, to Agilent Technologies Deposit Account No. 50-1078, and is also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any other Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Agilent Technologies Deposit Account No. 50-1078. Two duplicate copies of this transmittal letter are enclosed for these purposes.

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